

Weekly Status & Information Report: May 28 - June 1, 2012

1. **Ward 4 Night - Monday!** Join the City Council and your neighbors in Ward 4 for a reception in the Atrium Lobby on Monday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Following the reception, the first part of the City Council meeting will be dedicated to hearing from residents of Ward 4. Contact Jessie Carpenter at 301-891-7267 or JessieC@takomagov.org for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

2. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of June 4, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

- Nuclear Free Takoma Park Committee meeting, Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. *(City Clerk)*

3. **Opening Reception TONIGHT - June 1:** Celebrate the "Travels and Textures" of local photographer Jenny Lim this evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Gallery 3 on the third floor of the Takoma Park Community Center. Lim, Senior Photo Producer for Discovery Channel, shares with us her images of the earth textures and people she encountered during her recent travels. Locations include China, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, Alaska, Hawaii, New Mexico, South Carolina, Maine and local Maryland. Free and open to the public. <http://www.facebook.com/events/143838632406857/> *(Housing and Community Development)*

4. **Takoma-Piney Branch Park Grand Opening. Sunday, June 3, 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.:** Come join Basketball All-Star Steve Francis and City, County and State Officials to the grand opening of the renovated Takoma-Piney Branch Park behind Piney Branch Elementary School. Walk, bike or skateboard to the new gazebo and basketball court for the festivities! If you drive, please park at the Takoma Park Middle School or Takoma Park Community Center. Enter the park at the end of Darwin Avenue or at the Grant Avenue cul-de-sac. There will be basketball and skateboard demonstrations, the new basketball court will be dedicated to Anthony Langley of the Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club and the gazebo will be dedicated to Steve Francis's mother. Play on the new play equipment, skatepark, and sand volleyball court! Enjoy the public art! Celebrate the park that schoolkids and the community helped design! *(Deputy City Manager)*

5. **Street Resurfacing:** The scheduled street resurfacing the week of June 4 - 8 will include the following streets - Old Carroll Avenue, Colby Avenue (between Cherry Avenue and the Hayward Avenue deadend), and Manor Circle. The first phase is the milling of the street, which removes several inches of the existing pavement, and the second phase is the resurfacing with new asphalt. The paving contractor's work day is from 7 am to 5 pm. The streets will be posted for "no parking" prior to the work taking place. Each street will be closed to through traffic during the milling and paving, but will be open after 5 pm each day. *(Public Works)*

6. **Public Housing Waiting List - Open for Seniors (62 & Older):** The waiting list for senior public housing will be open beginning Monday, June 4. Applications will become available on that day at the Housing Opportunities Commission Customer Center, located at 8241 Georgia Avenue, 3rd floor, Silver Spring, any Montgomery County public library, at senior centers or on the HOC website <http://www.hocmc.org/waitinglist2012/FAQ.asp>. Your household income cannot exceed, for example, \$37,650 for 1 person, or \$43,000 for 2 persons. Applications must be received online or postmarked no later than June 15, 2012. If you are currently on the waiting list, YOU WILL NEED TO REAPPLY. All previously filed applications are discarded. *(Housing and Community Development)*

7. **Screening of "Essakane Unveiled" - June 7:** We are Takoma and Docs in Progress present a Works-in-Progress screening of "Essakane Unveiled" in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium on Thursday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. with filmmakers Kiley Kraskouskas, Leola Calzolari-Stewart, and Andrea Pappito. From the bustling streets of Bamako to the desolate dunes of the Sahara, "Essakane Unveiled" takes us to the most remote music festival in the world, Festival au Desert. Founded to foster cultural exchange and economic development, the music festival has grown into a world-class event which has drawn many western musicians to jam with Malian, Tuareg, and West African musicians. As the fate of the festival hangs in the balance amidst a violent standoff between rebel Tuaregs and the Malian government, this film looks at the power of music for international understanding. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. **T-Ball - Coaches Meeting / Clinic Thursday, June 7:** Volunteer Coaches are at the heart of a good program. During this meeting, volunteers will have the opportunity to learn good coaching techniques that will make the league enjoyable for everyone. Coaches Meeting / Clinic will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, in the Hydrangea Room. *(Recreation)*

9. **June Trip Registration Open for Seniors:** Seniors may register for June 2012 trips beginning today. Two fun trips are scheduled for this month: Trip #1, June 7- National Harbor, Maryland, and trip #2, June 29 - Ford's Theatre, Washington, DC. Please call 301-891-7280 to register. A Takoma Park Recreation Department registration form is required to participate in the trips. For more information, please call Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program manager, at 301-891-7280 or PaulaL@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

10. **We are Takoma Concert - Aryeheart - June 8:** GRAMMY-nominated lutenist Ronn McFarlane and Ayreheart will perform in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium on Friday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. with guest vocalist Audrey Tornblom, a native of Takoma Park. Folk, Celtic, Bluegrass, Jazz and Classical music combine to create the unique sound of Ayreheart. Reception following the concert. Donations welcome. <http://www.facebook.com/events/304558996292935/> *(Housing & Community Development)*

11. **T-Ball Kickoff Event Saturday, June 9:** The annual T-ball Kickoff Event is right around the corner. During the event, participants will move through various t-ball stations allowing each player to gain t-ball experience in a fun environment. Parent participation is encouraged. T-ball Kickoff Event: Saturday, June 9, 2012, 9:00 AM, Lee Jordan Field, Takoma Park MD. If unable to walk to the event, parking is available at Takoma Park Middle School. * Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a baseball glove if possible. *(Recreation)*

12. **Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Design Open House - June 14:** Concept Alternatives have been developed for the new Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape, incorporating pedestrian safety enhancements, bicycle lanes, street trees, and stormwater infiltration facilities. Share your thoughts and preferences for the Concepts at the meeting and discuss questions and ideas with City Staff. Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park. For more information on the project, see <http://www.thenewave.com/development/projects/eag>. *(Housing & Community Development)*

13. **County Rental Assistance Program - Open Enrollment:** The Montgomery County Rental Assistance Program (RAP) provides limited monthly assistance with rent to low income seniors, individuals with disabilities, and households of two or more. The program will be open for enrollment June 4, 2012 through June 22, 2012. To be placed on the mailing list to receive a pre-application, please call 240-777-4400. You may also visit the website <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhstmpl.asp?url=/content/hhs/SpecialNeedsHousing/RAPOHEP.asp> from June 4, 2012 through June 22, 2012 to download a pre-application to apply. All applications must be postmarked or sent in between those dates. Households applying during this time period will be placed on a waiting list and randomly selected using a lottery when openings in the program occur. *(Housing and Community Development)*

14. **Crossing Guard Recognition:** Safe Routes to School invited parents and students at Takoma Park and Piney Branch ES and Takoma Park MS to recognize the wonderful Crossing Guards, including the County Guard at Piney Branch Ave and Gist Avenue for a job well done. Tokens of appreciation in the form of cards, flowers and treats were delivered with big hugs on the morning of May 29. School principals and PTA officers made a special effort to show their gratitude to the Guards for keeping the students safe while walking or biking to school. *(Housing & Community Development)*

15. **Summer Camp Registration - Limited Space:** Summer Camp 2012 will begin in less than two weeks and there are only a few spaces remaining as many camps are already full. The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers a wide range of camps that appeal to all interests. Camp Takoma offers sports, nature, arts and crafts, music, swimming and other special activities. Our specialty camps have been designed to give each child a unique summer experience. To view Summer Camp offerings online please visit: www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation or call the Recreation Department at (301)891-7290 for additional information. Don't miss out! *(Recreation)*

16. **Ride of Your Life:** On Tuesday, June 12, Takoma Bicycle is partnering with the Recreation Department to hold a spring/summer biking workshop for commuters, called Ride of Your Life. Bruce Sawtelle will be talking about basic safety concerns, bicycle maintenance, how to fix a flat, and things to take on rides. Its open to cyclists of varying skill levels. The workshop will conclude with a question-and-answer session. Registration is required. Event is Free and open to all ages. Class will be held in the Azalea Room, located in the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue) at 6:00 p.m. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at (301)891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

17. **Girls on the Rise Continues to be Popular:** This self-esteem program encourages girls ages 10-14 to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles. Girls on the Rise addresses aspects of girls development through their physical, emotional, mental and, social well-being. This program is led by Patty Chappell and meets on Thursdays at Takoma Park Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. *(Recreation)*

18. **The Chief in a Meeting:** On May 30, Chief Ricucci met with a member of the Pinecrest Community to discuss the gas station robberies so that she could take back the information to her community meeting. *(Police)*

19. **Officers in Training:**

- On May 29-30, 2012, Pfc. Magnaye attended a Taser Instructor Certification Course at the NSA-Md Procurement in Ft. Meade, Maryland.
- On May 30-31, 2012, Cpl. Pedersen and Pfc. Atwell attended the Armin Winkler Aggression Model K-9 Training at the Montgomery County Police Department Public Safety Training Academy in Rockville, Maryland. *(Police)*

20. **Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):** On May 29, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted bike patrol in Old Town in the areas where burglaries are occurring. She also met with the management team at Park Ritchie Apartments in reference to recent suspicious activity on the premises. *(Police)*

21. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (May 25-31, 2012) may be viewed online at: <http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/06/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html> *(Police)*

22. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 94 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, four vehicle impounds, one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic and one warrant service arrest from traffic.

During May 25-31, 2012, the following details were completed:

May 25, 2012

- Jackson Avenue & Ethan Allen Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

May 26, 2012

- Maple Avenue & Philadelphia Avenue (red light camera enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations and two warnings.

May 27, 2012

- Carroll Avenue & Laurel Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

May 28, 2012

- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and three warnings.

May 29, 2012

- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted details throughout the shift and issued five State citations.
- Ritchie Avenue & Maple Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued two State citations and five warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

May 30, 2012

- Various locations throughout the City (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted details throughout the shift and issued 10 State citations.
- Devonshire Road & Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Lincoln Avenue & Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Kennebec Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

May 31, 2012

- Various locations throughout the City (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
 - Devonshire Road & Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- (Police)

23. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week of May 29-31, 2012

State Citations issued: 29

Warnings: 10

Calls for Service: 21

Reports Written: 6

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 1

On-view Arrests: 1

Court: 2 hours

Foot patrol: 3 hours

Training: 30 minutes

(Police)